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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING NOVEMBER 4 IN EUNICE, N.M., TO DISCUSS LICENSING PROCESS FOR PROPOSED URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting in Eunice, New Mexico, on Tuesday evening, November 4, to discuss the agency's licensing process for a proposed gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility.

Technical staff from the NRC's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and its Region II office in Atlanta will be on hand to discuss the agency's procedures for reviewing a license application for the plant, developing an environmental impact statement, and inspecting the plant. Members of the public will be able to ask questions.

Louisiana Energy Services (LES), an international consortium of companies in the nuclear industry, announced in September its intention to build a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment plant in Lea County, New Mexico. The plant will enrich uranium in the isotope U_{235} for use in the production of fuel for nuclear power plants. The consortium advised the NRC that it intends to submit a license application by the end of the year. LES plans to call the plant the National Enrichment Facility.

The NRC's public meeting will be held at the Eunice Community Center, 1115 I Avenue, at 7 p.m. on November 4. The meeting's agenda is available through the NRC's ADAMS document system, at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>, using accession number ML032810264.

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